

An attack on one group in our country is truly an attack on all of us. By passing the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act, we can come together on a bipartisan basis to show that the U.S. Senate will not be a bystander to the wave of racist, anti-Asian violence in our country. So let's get it done together.

I yield the floor.

#### VOTE ON MALLORY NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, all postcloture time has expired.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Mallory nomination?

Ms. HIRONO. Madam President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

The result was announced—yeas 53, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 150 Ex.]

#### YEAS—53

|              |              |            |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Baldwin      | Heinrich     | Portman    |
| Bennet       | Hickenlooper | Reed       |
| Blumenthal   | Hirono       | Rosen      |
| Booker       | Kaine        | Sanders    |
| Brown        | Kelly        | Schatz     |
| Cantwell     | King         | Schumer    |
| Cardin       | Klobuchar    | Shaheen    |
| Carper       | Leahy        | Sinema     |
| Casey        | Lujan        | Smith      |
| Collins      | Manchin      | Stabenow   |
| Coons        | Markey       | Tester     |
| Cortez Masto | Menendez     | Van Hollen |
| Duckworth    | Merkley      | Warner     |
| Durbin       | Murphy       | Warnock    |
| Feinstein    | Murray       | Warren     |
| Gillibrand   | Ossoff       | Whitehouse |
| Graham       | Padilla      | Wyden      |
| Hassan       | Peters       |            |

#### NAYS—45

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| Barrasso  | Fischer    | Murkowski  |
| Blackburn | Grassley   | Paul       |
| Blunt     | Hagerty    | Risch      |
| Boozman   | Hawley     | Romney     |
| Braun     | Hoeven     | Rubio      |
| Burr      | Hyde-Smith | Sasse      |
| Capito    | Inhofe     | Scott (FL) |
| Cassidy   | Johnson    | Scott (SC) |
| Cornyn    | Kennedy    | Shelby     |
| Cotton    | Lankford   | Sullivan   |
| Cramer    | Lee        | Thune      |
| Crapo     | Lummis     | Toomey     |
| Cruz      | Marshall   | Tuberville |
| Daines    | McConnell  | Wicker     |
| Ernst     | Moran      | Young      |

#### NOT VOTING—2

Rounds Tillis

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HICKENLOOPER). The majority whip is recognized.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

#### CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the motion to proceed to Calendar No. 13, S. 937, a bill to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes.

Charles E. Schumer, Mazie Hirono, Tammy Duckworth, Richard J. Durbin, Patty Murray, Jeff Merkley, Tammy Baldwin, Elizabeth Warren, Robert Menendez, Bernard Sanders, Kirsten E. Gillibrand, Jacky Rosen, Chris Van Hollen, Ron Wyden, Richard Blumenthal, Amy Klobuchar, Christopher Murphy.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the motion to proceed to S. 937, a bill to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 92, nays 6, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 151 Ex.]

#### YEAS—92

|              |              |            |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Baldwin      | Grassley     | Peters     |
| Barrasso     | Hagerty      | Portman    |
| Bennet       | Hassan       | Reed       |
| Blackburn    | Heinrich     | Risch      |
| Blumenthal   | Hickenlooper | Romney     |
| Blunt        | Hirono       | Rosen      |
| Booker       | Hoeven       | Rubio      |
| Boozman      | Hyde-Smith   | Sanders    |
| Braun        | Inhofe       | Sasse      |
| Brown        | Johnson      | Schatz     |
| Burr         | Kaine        | Schumer    |
| Cantwell     | Kelly        | Scott (FL) |
| Capito       | Kennedy      | Scott (SC) |
| Cardin       | King         | Shaheen    |
| Carper       | Klobuchar    | Shelby     |
| Casey        | Lankford     | Sinema     |
| Cassidy      | Leahy        | Smith      |
| Collins      | Lee          | Stabenow   |
| Coons        | Lujan        | Sullivan   |
| Cornyn       | Lummis       | Tester     |
| Cortez Masto | Manchin      | Thune      |
| Cramer       | Markey       | Toomey     |
| Crapo        | McConnell    | Van Hollen |
| Daines       | Menendez     | Warner     |
| Duckworth    | Merkley      | Warnock    |
| Durbin       | Moran        | Warren     |
| Ernst        | Murkowski    | Whitehouse |
| Feinstein    | Murphy       | Wicker     |
| Fischer      | Murray       | Wyden      |
| Gillibrand   | Ossoff       | Young      |
| Graham       | Padilla      |            |

#### NAYS—6

|        |          |            |
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| Cotton | Hawley   | Paul       |
| Cruz   | Marshall | Tuberville |

#### NOT VOTING—2

Rounds Tillis

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 92, the nays are 6.

Three-fifths of the Senators duly chosen and sworn having voted in the affirmative, the motion is agreed to.

#### LEGISLATIVE SESSION

#### COVID-19 HATE CRIMES ACT— MOTION TO PROCEED

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Cloture having been invoked, the Senate will proceed to legislative session to consider the motion to proceed to S. 937, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

Motion to proceed to Calendar No. S. 937, a bill to facilitate the expedited review of COVID-19 hate crimes, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Maryland.

Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, Americans were horrified to witness a recent series of mass shootings involving the Asian-American and Pacific Islander community. On March 16, 2021, mass shootings occurred at three spas and massage parlors in the Atlanta metropolitan area. Eight people were killed, six of whom were Asian-American women, and one other person was wounded. The suspect was taken into custody that day and has been charged with multiple counts of murder. The investigation is continuing as to whether the suspect should be additionally charged with hate crimes, if he deliberately targeted Asian Americans with this senseless violence.

Unfortunately, this mass shooting is not an isolated incident in the United States in terms of hate speech, hate crimes, and violence against Asian Americans in our communities. Sadly, some political figures have used the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to fan the flames of hate by promoting stereotypes, fear, and xenophobia. Irrationally blaming Asian and Asian-American neighbors for the pandemic is simply wrong and reprehensible and can have deadly consequences.

Let us remember that our Asian-American brothers and sisters are an integral part of the United Nations on so many levels. Our immigrant story and our diversity are some of our unique strengths, not weaknesses, of the United States of America.

There are about 23 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States, constituting 7 percent of the population of our country.

There are approximately 2 million Asian-American owned businesses that generate over \$700 billion in annual revenue and employ millions of workers.